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WHY WE MUST GO FORWARD

1 *Christ bids us do so.*

BEHIND all our feeble questionings rises the immutable word of the Lord: "Go ye into all the world. Disciple all nations."

2 *The Heathen world is stirred to the depths.*

IT is too late to say "let them alone," for all heathenism is in contact with Christianity.

How shall Christ be presented? By aggressive militarism, by selfish commercialism, or by the gospel and its institutions—the hospital, the school, the church?

(3) The pagan systems are crumbling. What shall replace them? Irreligion, agnosticism, infidelity?

THIS is what threatens in India, in Japan, ultimately everywhere.

While ancient faiths are disintegrating, shall not ever-young Christianity take their places?

(4) We are in a world-crisis. Can Christ's followers look unmoved upon such a situation as now confronts us?

AN inquiring India, an aroused Japan, a waking China, an explored Africa, a wide-open Island empire—eager missionaries, men of piety and insight, crying everywhere for reinforcements. Who but dullards or the spiritually callous can fail to heed and "go forward"?

Surely one of God's great days is at hand.

O Christians, lift up your eyes and see the stately coming of the King. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

ANYWHERE, provided it be forward.
—DAVID LIVINGSTONE.

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